

# Fish at Risk

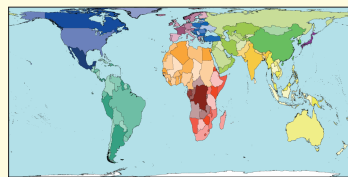


There are 29,300 known species of fish. Under a tenth have been assessed for threatened species status. 40% of these (800 species) were at risk of global extinction in 2004. This map shows fish that live in fresh and salt water - marine species live next to the land that represents them on the map.

Fish species are at risk in almost all territories. The most fish species are at risk in the United States, Mexico, Indonesia and Australia.

The Humphead Wrasse, Bowmouth Guitarfish and Largetooth Sawfish are threatened by fishing and getting caught unintentionally in fishing nets. The Damba Mipentina is threatened by fishing, invasive species, and habitat loss.

Territory size shows the proportion of fish species assessed as locally at risk of extinction, found there.



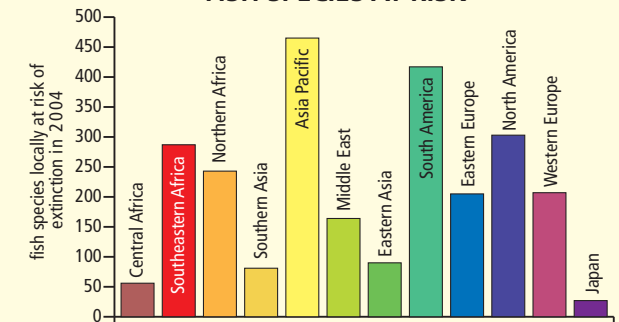
Land area

## MOST AND FEWEST FISH SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Monaco	161	166	Poland	4.70
2	Tuvalu	111	167	Myanmar	4.58
3	Nauru	100	168	Peru	2.65
4	Marshall Islands	76	169	Lesotho	2.58
5	Cape Verde	70	170	Estonia	2.51
6	Niue	68	171	Ecuador	2.41
7	Grenada	60	172	Armenia	2.35
8	Madagascar	55	173	Mongolia	1.88
9	Kiribati	52	174	Finland	1.77
10	Tonga	51	175	Mali	1.26

fish species assessed as locally threatened per 1000 of all species assessed in 2004\*

## FISH SPECIES AT RISK



### Technical notes

- Data are from the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources 2006 Red List of Threatened Species.
- \*The denominator is per 1000 local plant and animal species assessed for threatened species criteria. No fish species recorded at risk for 25 territories.
- See website for further information.

*“... cyanide and heavy metal-contaminated liquid spilled into the Lupus stream, reaching the Szamos, Tisza, and finally Danube rivers and killing hundreds of tonnes of fish ...”*

Eva Kaszala, 2002